

Interagency Veterans Council

Employment Pod Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2012

1:00 – 3:00 pm

California Research Bureau
900 N Street, Room 340, Sacramento

I. Interagency Veterans Council (Employment Pod)

- Purpose of Meeting – To finalize organizational structure, discuss goals of the workgroup, and progress on documenting the current services, funding, and data available for identifying and improving veteran employment outcomes.

II. Open Issues

- Discuss matrices identifying services offered, funding available, and data collected by government organizations to improve veteran employment outcomes in California.
- Participants expressed appreciation for the work involved in developing the matrices but expressed concern that:
 1. Data from all agencies represented on the workgroup had not yet been submitted and compiled in the distributed matrices.
 2. The matrices did not contain an obvious enough column to list “limitations”
 3. All workgroups were compiling information in the same way so that the end result is consistent and comprehensive.
- Eric advised the group that the other pods were also using the same matrices for compiling their information. Jason recommended adding a column for veteran service needs identified during our initial meeting, and adding to this list needs identified at the January 25 meeting by community based organizations. These needs can then be the first column in each table so we can identify which services, funding sources, and data are being produced by government agencies to serve each need. The workgroup agreed this would be a useful addition to the matrices.

III. New Business

- Jason Van Court explained that he was informed that the group needed to appoint a Secretary to take meeting minutes that the rest of the group would approve for public record. Participants voiced surprise that this was not CRB’s role. Jason and Eric Worthen explained that CRB is there to help facilitate meetings but is not an official member of the council, and that members of the workgroup must create the content, including a chair to direct the group, a liaison to communicate with the other 3 pods, and a secretary to document meetings.
- Much discussion ensued regarding need for staffing the Council to provide positions such as Secretary and other “task masters”. Dennis Petrie referred to a clause in the Executive Order creating the council which gave staffing responsibilities to CalVet and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. He then suggested that the two Agency Secretary’s meet to discuss and agree upon

the staffing commitment of each Agency in support of the IACV and to do so sooner rather than later as the EDD's WSB has three people who may be available on a loan/borrow basis to provide some of the staff support the IAVC is going to require. However, it is also possible that the State could impose a hiring freeze or reduction in vacant positions, therefore, any staffing commitments must be made before available staff are redirected elsewhere. Eric said he would present that option to CalVet administration.

- Dennis Petrie mentioned it would be useful to have a Sharepoint-type website where the group could share documents and resources, rather than email them around.

IV. Action Items

- Jason will update the matrices with the new column documenting veteran employment needs, as identified at the original meeting and as added to by NGO's at the January 25 meeting. He will then redistribute it so participants can update their agency's information based on the new layout.
- Jason will check on CRB resources for hosting a Sharepoint-type website to share documents and resources.
- Next meeting set for Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 9 am in Room 340 of California Research Bureau (900 N Street)

V. Roll Call

- Present:
 - Jason Van Court, CRB
 - Eric Worthen, CalVet
 - Dennis Petrie, EDD
 - Jerita Porter-Wallace, EDD
 - Tim Rainey, CWIB
 - Peter Cameron, VVA
 - Ron Jiminez, CalVet
 - Jeff Riel, DOR
 - Nancy Sanders, DOL
 - Brian McMahon, ETP
- Absent:
 - Mark Lennon, CalVet
 - William Armstrong, DCA

VI. Caveats

- None

Minutes submitted by: Jason Van Court

Minutes approved by Employment Pod on: